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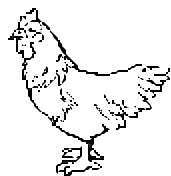
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly about steady. Demand was light to fair, but moderate to fairly good for active retail features and fast food promotions. Supplies were mixed, but overall at least adequate for needs. In the parts structure, retail ads contributed to the close balance to short supply of breast items. Dark meat and wings were fully sufficient to ample with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/04/02-03/09/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	48.00-51.00	49.00	9	51.02	27
Chicago	45.00-48.00	47.70	39	50.14	75
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	52.61	18
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.20	10
Denver	67.50	67.46	17	65.97	24
Detroit	47.00-49.00	48.80	10	53.56	39
Los Angeles	68.00	65.85	67	63.37	165
New York	46.00-48.00	47.45	22	49.30	41
Philadelphia	46.50-48.00	47.18	11	49.93	23
Pittsburgh	46.00-47.50	47.10	10	54.62	55
St. Louis	47.25-47.50	46.87	20	48.34	36
San Francisco	68.50	67.63	30	65.96	72

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	03/04/02	Change/Last Wk	02/25/02	03/05/01
585	55.39	-0.67	56.06	59.91

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	51.00-53.00	52.51	39
Central	50.00-57.00	54.10	64
West	52.00-62.00	59.16	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.00	62.51	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,116	45.00-64.75	60.97

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.00	1,268
BREASTS - B/S	130.00	4,683
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.50	1,063
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50	760
LEG QUARTERS	24.50	8,978
WINGS	77.50	2,954

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair entering the week as dealers maintained balanced inventories. Offerings were mixed and irregular, but ranged at least adequate to available overall. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items remained closely cleared. Leg quarters were increasingly available. Wings were fully adequate to ample.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were balanced to short and clearing well. Leg items were fully adequate, particularly leg quarters due to continued export problems, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Offerings were adequate to ample with heavy weight product in the longest position. Buying interest was fairly good to cover first-of-the-month needs. Demand was fairly good overall, best where features planned to break later in the week. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Parts trading for this week: breasts mainly 70 bone-in and 120-125 random weight boneless, leg quarters 23-27 bulk and 26-30 4/10's. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 54.65 up 1.22 and the volume reported increased 30 percent to 30 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged into all areas with Ohio TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were generally in line with trade needs. Movement over the weekend noted as expected, mostly moderate to occasionally fairly good for fast food promotions and retail features. Floor stocks were adequate to instances long with sizes mostly desirable. Supplies were limited on breast items, wings available and leg quarters fully adequate to ample. The market tone was steady to firm on breast items, barely steady to weak on wings and leg quarters, and steady on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair to moderate. Seller offerings were fully sufficient in handling current needs. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 49 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items, particularly supplies of bone-in were snug. Leg cuts and wings were fully adequate to ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	45-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.76
NO. OF BOXES	10,269

*8 of 8 plants reporting:

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest ranged fair over the weekend to at times fairly good entering the week as first of the month business attempted to materialize. Continued feature activity kept the breast complex in good balance to no more than adequate. Leg quarters were fully sufficient. Wings remained readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly moderate. The market tone was fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts, fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts, cautiously steady on wings and unsettled on leg quarters. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	132.47	293,040
TENDERLOINS	120	122.12	51,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	68.23	201,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	66.07	129,760
LEGS	37-38	41.36	202,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.22	518,572
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.24	74,180
THIGHS	28-29	37.62	48,210
B/S THIGHS	85-86	85.84	32,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	67-68	70.72	268,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.21	33,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	21.08	9,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	38.30	29,360

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,328	110.00-130.00	120-125	120.81
TENDERLOINS	168	120.00-192.00	-	141.12
BREAST - WITH RIBS	169	62.00-84.00	62	67.98
FRONT HALVES	200	60.00-63.00	63	61.80
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	920	17.00-22.00	20-22	20.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,350	21.00-27.00	22-23	22.17
WINGS (WHOLE)	173	54.00-76.00	-	59.16
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	2,069	27.00-40.00	27-28	27.81

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/04	02/28	02/28	02/25	02/21
ALA	4,182	3,949	5.01	4,031	4.98
ARK	5,377	5,028	4.82	5,153	4.97
DELMARVA	2,308	2,349	5.07	2,271	5.12
KY-LA-TN	2,005	1,979	4.49	1,982	4.64
MISS	2,818	2,835	5.22	2,812	5.13
NC	2,620	2,558	5.86	2,531	5.87
TEXAS	2,406	2,397	4.84	2,407	4.76
TOTAL	21,716	21,095	5.03	21,187	5.06
MON	21,716(A)			21,187(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Mar 2002 is estimated to be 32,490,000 up 2.19 percent from a week ago and up 8.03 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,793,000, last year 30,075,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	889	118.00-187.00	123-135	132.28
TENDERLOINS	214	120.00-190.00	-	155.28
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	60.00-66.00	62-65	63.90
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	34.00-42.00	34-36	34.73
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	18.00-23.00	18-19	19.21
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,146	20.00-26.00	22-24	23.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	309	61.00-88.00	-	77.80
WINGS (CUT)	456	79.00-84.00	79-82	81.29
DRUMSTICKS	68	42.00-49.00	-	42.82
THIGHS	70	42.00-50.00	-	44.29
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MARCH 04, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.50 - 44.00	41.93	42.06

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 04 MAR - 08 MAR 2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 137.00	120.00 - 130.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 78.00	62.00 - 66.00
LEGS	37.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 28.00	21.00 - 23.00
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 45.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	48.00 - 77.00	64.00 - 67.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 52.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-88
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-90
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	85-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-94
	DRY PACK	95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 01-MAR-2002
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-15.00	12.75-14.00	1,259,000	374,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.53	13.20		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	10.00-13.50	1,091,000	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	12.25		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-MAR-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12	8-9	9.01

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 01-MAR-2001
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	13.00	102,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-13.00	10.00-12.50	1,422,600	285,600
WTD AVERAGE	10.82	11.29		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trading was lighter with offerings generally short to adequate. Demand was moderate and mostly unaggressive. Processing schedules were less than normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-MAR-02.

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.5	8.5-9	8.68
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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